



# Daisy Miracle



## Thank You

Everyday there are babies being born at UC San Diego Medical Center, and if the unexpected should happen our nationally recognized Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is there to help them. Thanks to the generous support of people like you we can continue to offer the best in care to our smallest patients and their families.

As the Division Chief of Neonatology, I extend my heartfelt thanks to your continued support in tribute of Daisy. We value your desire to honor her memory and use those gifts with both care and gratitude.

Warm Regards,

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## A LASTING LEGACY: DAISY MIRACLE BRENNAN

She was born against all the odds. Given only a one-percent chance of surviving the pregnancy, on January 31, 2007, Daisy Miracle Brennan was delivered via cesarean section at UC San Diego Medical Center.

It has been nearly nine years since her parents, Bill and Lauri Brennan, watched as she took her extraordinary first breath and each savored one thereafter. Even in those earliest moments, Daisy's fighting spirit was evident.

The initial two months of her life were spent under the watchful care of, what Lauri terms, her "Daisy Family," in the neonatal intensive care unit at UC San Diego Medical Center. Then Daisy went home where she was able to spend two more beautiful, love-filled months

before she passed away on Memorial Day, 2007.

Though bittersweet, those four months with Daisy were more than the Brennan's ever believed they'd share together. To honor Daisy's memory, the Brennan's established the Daisy Miracle Endowment Fund. Held and invested in perpetuity, an annual payout from the fund is used to support the NICU in caring for families going through similar experiences. As of October 31, 2015, the Daisy Miracle Brennan Endowment fund had a current market value of \$389,584.

While her time on Earth was short, her legacy and spirit lives on. With your gifts, you have honored Daisy's legacy by supporting the care of hundreds of families and their newborns at UC San Diego Medical Center.

## YOUR GENEROSITY CREATES COMFORT IN TIMES OF NEED



When newborns arrive in the neonatal intensive care unit at UC San Diego Medical Center, their families follow—often in various states of distress. Suddenly, and commonly without warning, the newest and most vulnerable member of their family is surrounded by a team of doctors and nurses.

At UC San Diego Medical Center this team is made up of highly-experienced neonatologists, neonatal nurses, and respiratory therapists who provide excellent care to more than 900 newborns per year in a highly-specialized, nationally-recognized, 49-bed NICU.

Nevertheless, the gravity of the situation is hard to take for new parents. Even families who experienced a high-risk pregnancy can be overwhelmed by the flurry of activity along with the severity of the newborn's situation post birth.

As the Brennans know first hand, even the smallest

comfort during this extremely stressful time can make a huge difference for a family with a child in the NICU. In those initial moments, gifts like yours help create solace for families experiencing a cascade of emotions.

Thanks to your generous contributions, and other University sources, Director of Women and Infant Services, Mary Hackim, has been able to purchase a number of items that service both the NICU babies and their families. Expenditures from the endowment have included rocking chairs, high quality stethoscopes, a breast pump cart, baby scales, as well as educational materials for both staff and patients. Funds have also been used to send nursing staff to educational conferences and extra training sessions.

Thank you so much for your support and for being part of our Daisy family. Together, we are making a difference for babies and families in an extremely difficult and critical time of their lives.

## YOUR HELP EMPOWERS THE NICU STAFF FOR THE FUTURE



In 2016, the new Hospital for Women and Infants at the Jacobs Medical Center will join the most innovative technology with the most advanced research to empower tomorrow's clinicians with the tools to care for tomorrow's families. The new hospital will include 52 private rooms in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and eight private labor and delivery suites.



Recognizing the importance of the clinical environment in patient care and recovery, Jacobs Medical Center will provide a beautiful and comfortable setting for patients and their families.

The labor and delivery rooms, as well as the recovery rooms, are designed to promote a "home to hotel" style experience, with not only spectacular views and scenery but—more importantly—relaxation areas for parents and families.

For NICU patients, especially, Jacobs Medical Center will be unsurpassed in its ability to provide extraordinary care with the latest medical advancements and technologies.

Even so, all transitions can be laced with bumps. To help both patients and staff alike, funds for these unexpected needs have been reserved from the Daisy Miracle Endowment. We are proud to recognize you as vital partners at the Hospital for Women and Infants at UC San Diego Health.



# THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING TO UC SAN DIEGO



## THE 8TH ANNUAL DAISY MIRACLE BENEFIT

On October 10, 2015 the 8th Annual Daisy Miracle Benefit was held at the Ultimate SkyBox at DiamondView Tower in San Diego, California. This fundraiser has grown in both attendance and gifts annually, and this year was no exception. Thank you!

This year, we had the additional honor of hosting special guest, Alexis Clarke. Now, two and a half years old, Alexis was the smallest baby born to-date

at UC San Diego Medical Center. Her parents, Laurie and Murphy Clarke, wonderfully shared the story of their and Alexis' NICU experience.

Thanks to the annual benefit, combined with the fundraising efforts of Daisy's grandfather Greg Phelan and Team Daisy during the 2015 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego, this has truly been our best fundraising effort to date—we couldn't do it without you.



An update on the Daisy Miracle Brennan Endowment

*Your support has been vital to the advancement of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.*

*UC San Diego is proud to recognize you as a partner in the effort to improve the lives of our tiniest patients and their families.*

*Thank You!*

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